



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Reinhart & Associates, Inc.

File: B-261835

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DECISION

Reinhart & Associates, Inc. protests its proposal's elimination from the competition under Program Research and Development Announcement No. 94-05MLK issued by the Department of the Air Force. Reinhart contends that the announcement failed to completely define a scope of work or provide any references to similar projects. Reinhart also questions the qualifications of the evaluation personnel, suggesting that its proposal would not have been eliminated had the appropriate technical personnel evaluated it.

Our Bid Protest Regulations contain strict rules requiring timely submission of protests. These rules specifically require that protests based upon alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of initial proposals must be filed prior to the closing time. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(1); Engelhard Corp., B-237824, Mar. 23, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 324. Reinhart's challenges to the lack of specificity in the solicitation should have been protested prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

As to Reinhart's challenge to the composition of the technical evaluation panel, the composition of technical evaluation panels generally is within the discretion of the contracting agency. See Stat-a-Matrix, Inc. et al., B-234141 et al., May 17, 1989, 89-1 CPD ¶ 472. This challenge therefore does not set forth a valid basis for protest.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

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